

HILLS SHOW BIG IMPROVEMENT IN TEAM PLAY; ALL THEY HAVE TO DO NOW IS WIN GAMES

WAR NOT TO HINDER MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL IN AND AROUND PHILA.; SUBURBAN HAS A STRONG CIRCUIT

Industrial and Main Line Teams Start Play Saturday, and Many Other Amateur and Semi-Pro Organizations Have Schedules

This season promises to be a big one in the amateur and semipro leagues in and around Philadelphia, despite the war. There are a score of more well organized circuits, a number of which pry open the season this Saturday. Among these are Industrial and Main Line leagues.

The following Saturday, May 5, will start off the Delaware County, Delaware River, Manufacturers', Philadelphia, Shoe Manufacturers' and Philadelphia Suburban, May 12 will see still more under way. All told, there are about thirty, with thousands of players who have been practicing for weeks, and, if the present warm weather continues, will be in fine shape to get off at top speed.

Delaware County Ready The Delaware County League, while only composed of four clubs this year, promises to give the four some high-class practicing, judging from the line-ups announced by the managers of the respective clubs.

Manager Miller, of Upland, has several prospects in his line-up, including Dick Kinsella and saw service the latter part of last season with the New York Giants. His business in Chester kept him from signing with McGraw this year.

Howard Berry has something on a bee; he's busy all of the time Penn's Champion Attends Classes, Trains for Pentathlon and Relay Teams, Plays Baseball and Studies From 7:30 a. m. to 11:30 p. m.

IF AN average human would spend one day with J. Howard Berry out Pennsylvania he would want to throw the alarm clock out of the window, crawl under the covers and stay there for a couple of days. Not only would he be tired physically, but also he would be well-nigh mentally exhausted.

Boat in Fall and Winter Of course, this is the spring, his busy season, in the fall and winter he has it soft. All he does in the fall is to practice football every afternoon between 3 and 6 and win a game for Penn on Saturday. During the cold weather he runs in boxes and wrestles a bit. It's a wonder his muscles don't get flabby during his easy months.

RUETHER MAY BE "ANOTHER SISLER" Young Coast Southpaw Is Setting a Fast Pace With the Cubs

"Yer Out!" His Ump's Reply, to "Yer Gettin' Old, Ed," Cry

"You are old, Eddie Plank," said the fresh "Yer Out!"

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Anyways, Kinsella put across the softball and Muggsy fell like a ton of brick. He reluctantly consented to give Muggsy a trial, but what chance did he have with Herzog and Fletcher in the game?

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Lavender was a long time coming to his own, as his five seasons' schooling in the minors would indicate. His first trial was with the Augusta club, of the South Atlantic League, in 1906.

At the close of 1908 Lavender was recalled by the Athletic management and released to the Providence club, of the big International League, where he was compelled to linger three seasons.

At the close of 1912, James proceeded to clip the wings of a certain Richard de Marquis Marquard, of the New York Giants, who had been soaring through the old National at an amazing pace, having won nineteen straight games.

Previous to this mighty feat Lavender had qualified for the job by pitching three consecutive runless games, and, although a recruit, Manager Chase considered him the proper selection.

THE historic Schuylkill River course, with its rowing traditions—which include those of the great Centennial Regatta and of many university races and national championships—is in danger of getting a severe jolt if something is not done in the near future to eliminate the diagonal starting and finishing lines of the Henley distance section of it.

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Muggs McGraw Also Played on Gridiron Battlefield

John McGraw is famous for his diamond exploits wherever the game of baseball is known, yet how many fans know that the Little Corporal was also a gridiron warrior?

In the return from a western trip this year the Little Corporal will play the game of football with the team at St. Bonaventure College at Allegany, Pa., on the occasion for "McGraw day" in the little town.

Three star pitchers today are wearing nicks in their crowns. Grover Cleveland Alexander, Philly sparkler; Dick Rudolph, baid blatter of hits for the Braves, and Eddie Cloutte, knuckle-ball, no-hit demon of the White Sox, are well acquainted now with the 1917 sensation of being addressed to the shower.

The Phillies, pointed for world's series money next fall, fell on Grover; the Dodgers remembered they are champions and landed on Rudolph, and Cloutte took his of the Indians.

Alexander had a terrible time. He got away to a one-run lead in the second inning, saw the Giants put in the rear with three in the third, and then watched his team mates tie it in the third. The Giants got another run in the fourth and then the Phillies gave him a four-run advantage.

Cloutte got a start on the other two. After seven hits and the Indians' total quartet of runs had greeted him in six innings, he was given three in the best of it in the White Sox dash for home. Rob Russell drew the relief job, and Danforth finally finished it.

It was some day for the star curvers. NEW YORK, April 26.—Charlie White has accepted an offer from the Manhattan Sporting Club to act as referee of the Johnny Kilbane-Fredy Welsh bout next Tuesday night.

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MACKS IMPRESS NEW YORK FAIR

McInnis and Schang, Aided by New Faces, Present Strong Line-Up

Everybody who has seen the Commodore Mack's collection of pastimes can be registered as a joke as advised to improve on their dope by means of a trip to the Polo Grounds and see the Mackies wrestle with Bill Donovan's Yanks in the second game of the series booked for this p. m.

Before yesterday's fracas, we "uns here in the big burg were of the opinion that the Athletics were about as good as they were last year, which left much to be desired. The verdict has turned in favor of the visitors almost overnight.

Every player on the team seems to have taken on new life. "Stuffy" McInnis, who did not get started until late in the 1917 season, is pounding the Kaiser's rear. Yesterday was a particularly pleasant afternoon for Mack's gathered from the fact that Jack hitting safely four times on four tries and various visits to the plate.

Wally Schang's dark brown mustache was commented upon. Fred Lieb is sponsor for the statement that the last of this species was worn by Monte Cross, shortstop of the Athletic champions in 1903 and 1905. John Titus, of the Phils, later wore Boston, held on to the upper lip ornament one year longer than Monte, but his was blond, and John pastimed in the National circuit.

Allen Russell had his spitter working in good shape up until the period Schang conceded for the circuit. He whiffed nine A's during the game. Just how good he was pitching can be gathered from the fact that McInnis made as many hits as all the other A's put together. He allowed Witt a double; Strunk and Ray Bates each had a single, but Wally's homer turned him back.

Wally Schang had a homer at the Polo Grounds yesterday, but it wasn't the first time. Mack 1917 during the "world's face," slugged one of "Doc" Crandall's slow ones over the garden wall.

Thrasler's sacrifice fly after Witt had doubled to left in the sixth, scored the first run for the A's.

When Ump Owens shouted that Mack's pitcher would be Noyes the announcement was greeted with surprise. The surprise really came after the big Portland twirler showed such stuff on the hill.

Roger Peckinpah, of the Yanks, was another of the Donovan clan who had hit safely in every game, but was forced to leave the pitching of Mack's new twirler, who is likely to be retained.

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